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SUBJ: EPMG REACTION TO AFRIQUE -ASIE INTERVIEW

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1. GOVERNMENT MEDIA OF FEB 22 CARRIED STRIDENT MIN INFO
REBUTTAL TO INTERVIEW IN AFRIQUE-ASIE WITH ALLEGED MEMBERS OF
ETHIOPIAN PEOPLES REVOLUTIONARY PARTY (EPRP) WHO CLAIMED
THAT ETHIOPIA IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF A U.S. MILITARY
BASE IN THE OGADEN.

2. PRESS STATES THAT "THIS FALSE CLAIM" IS MADE IN AN IMAGINARY
INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY ONE MAMO ZELEKE, A FICTITIOUS PERSON
OR AGENT OF IMPERIALISM AND COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS
AND BAYOU AYANA, SIMILARLY "OF NO IDENTITIY," THIS ABSOLUTELY
GROUNDLESS CLAIM" ABOUT AMERICAN MILITARY
BASE, IS ACCOMPANIED BY "THE MEANEST AND CHEAPEST PROPAGANDA"
WHICH IS A "FUTILE ATTEMPT BY RESTIVE PUPPETS OF IMPERIALISM
TO MISLEAD PEOPLE ABROAD ABOUT ETHIOPIA'S REVOLUTION."

3. GOVERNMENT RELEASE THEN ASSAILS AFRITTUE-ASIE FOR SIMILAR
ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN APRIL 1975 AND CASTIGATES CERTAIN SECTIONS
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OF WESTERN MASS MEDIA, ESPECIALLY BBC, WHICH PUBLISH "LIES"

ABOUT ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. WESTERN MEDIA ALSO CRITICIZED FOR EXERCISING RESTRAINT IN COVERAGE OF OLD REGIME. THIS POLICY OF RESTRAINT WAS FOLLOWED BECAUSE FORMER FEUDO-MONARCHICAL REGIME WAS A STOOGUE OF IMPERIALISTS AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IMPERIALIST INTEREST IN PLUNDERING ETHIOPIA.

4. CURRENT WESTERN MEDIA CAMPAIGN AGAINST ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, STATEMENT ALLEGES, IS DELIBERATE ATTEMPT OR PLOT TO SUBVERT THE REVOLUTION AND TARNISH ETHIOPIA'S IMAGE ABROAD, PARTICULARLY AMONG PROGRESSIVE FORCES. THIS CAMPAIGN TO CUT OFF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION FROM THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THE WORLD IS BOUND TO FAIL BECAUSE UNITY AND SOLIDARITY AMONG PROGRESSIVE FORCES ARE GAINING MOMENTUM EVERY DAY AND CAN NEVER BE WEAKENED, STATEMENT CONCLUDES.

5. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BELIEVE (REFTEL) THAT, IN VIEW OF EPMG'S STRONG DENIAL, NO U.S. STATEMENT ON AMERICAN BASE ISSUE IS NECESSARY AND HOPE ISSUE CAN NOW DIE A NATURAL DEATH.
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